

DESOTO CO., MISS.

THE DISMISSED PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

A Statement of Facts That Ought to Have Some Weight With the Trustees for a Rehearing.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE APPEAL.) Desoto County, Miss., July 3.—It was with astonishment and mortification that I read in last Sunday's Appeal of the dismissal of five members of the faculty of the University of Mississippi. For I was a student in the university from 1878 to 1882, and have been familiar with the history of the institution from that time to within a few months of the present, and I know of no man to whom the recent action of the Board of Trustees, much less to demand such action. I am not ready to question the motives of the board, but they have been over zealous to an extent that is inexcusable if not ruinous. There have at times been rumors of insubordination among the students and of a lack of effective discipline on the part of the faculty. These have been in the main untrue. But to the extent to which they were true the faculty are not responsible. In 1881 the Board of Trustees, in their mistaken zeal, sent a committee to Oxford which summoned the senior class before it, and invited the boys to make such accusations and criticisms on the faculty as they saw proper. At that very time all departments of the university were moving in perfect harmony and order. The faculty were so supported by the student body that no immediate evils resulted from this unwarranted and unjust action of the board. But the boys began more and more to regard themselves as the masters of the faculty. Every grievance, real or imaginary, was to be redressed by the trustees. "I'll lay the matter before the board in June," came to be a favorite boast or threat. The voice of slander it seems has been heard outside the university began to carp, to criticize and misrepresent. The more fearless and conscientious a professor was in the discharge of his duty, the more exposed was he to these insidious attacks. It is a very explainable fact that the five best professors in the faculty were dismissed. Gentlemen of the Board of Trustees, these men have not merited this treatment at your hands. The welfare of the university has not demanded it. I personally know they have been vigilant in discipline and successful in teaching. Their efforts and their methods met the requirements of former years. They have done all that could be done under the disciplinary power vested in them. If the youthfulness or the spirit of insubordination of a portion of the present student body demands stricter discipline, put the university under military regulations. Do not strike down these men because they may have failed to reform the boy who has come to them an embryo gambler and drunkard. This, under the present order of things, cannot be done. If the charge against them is failure to do efficiently in the government of the institution, it seems altogether insignificant. It cannot be the puny plea that the public demands a change somewhere or in some way, for this is the reasoning of the rabble, not of statesmen. Then they must be inferior instructors, or their characters and reputations before the public do not lend strength and dignity to the university, or their service to the State has not been of a character to entitle them to honor and trust. Let's see. Dr. A. J. Quince is the man referred to by a recent communication to the Appeal, whose intervention saved the university buildings from the torch of an insolent invader. I appeal to the men who have gone out from the university during the last twenty years to say whether his instruction in the Latin language and literature has been thorough and efficient. Gen. Claudius W. Sears, professor of mathematics, left a leg somewhere on the battlefield of the last war. He is a man who by all accounts is esteemed. He is old, and I understand dependent upon his salary. But his intellectual vigor is unimpaired. He has a peculiar tact for the peculiar difficulties of his chair. The boys under him work, and they learn to love a study of mathematics. They all respect and esteem him. A man may be found who will learn to do his work as well as he does it. But, in the meantime, what of him? PROFESSOR OF NATURAL SCIENCE. Dr. George Little is one of the ablest scientists in the South. He was educated in Germany. He is chemist, physicist, and astronomer. He is a man of making a difficult subject highly interesting. And his pupils learn less of Yankee text books they certainly gain more practical knowledge of geology, mineralogy, etc. Few competent men are available for his chair. Shall a tried and able instructor be thrust aside for the chance of finding one to take his place? If so, why? Dr. J. J. Wheat, professor of Greek, is, I believe, the only native Mississippian among the number of those dismissed. He began active in a plowboy in Spanish county. He is a man whom every Mississippian should delight to honor. Col. L. Q. Lamar is reported to have said Dr. Wheat is the only man in whose presence he feels his own inferiority. I believe he is today the most eloquent public orator in the South. His transcendent intellect would have won him richer material rewards, and, doubtless, met a heartier appreciation in other fields. But he chose to devote his life to the moral and intellectual elevation of his own people. To seek in an able and thorough instructor is to say too little of the man. The man is himself greater than any position he may occupy. Under the sound of his voice, when lecturing on the Greek mythology, one forgets that the walls of the lecture room encompass him and almost imagines Hume has led him to Olympus to behold the gods in council. To be his pupil is more than to be a college student. To hold converse with a mind so stored with the riches of knowledge, so teeming with treasures of its own coinage, is a greater privilege than to attend a university. I refuse to believe that Dr. Wheat surrenders the trust imposed in him. But to deprive Dr. J. J. Johnson of the Chair of English Language and Literature seems like robbing a man of his own. For has he not made this department what it is—among the best, if not the best, course in English in the American universities? If he is not retired only the memory of the Chair of English will remain. No man can be found to do his work as well as he did it. A correspondent of the Appeal, writing of English at Vanderbilt, stated the fact that our Southern

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AND THE KANSAS, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM COMPANY.

Singular Provisions of Competing Charters—Chances for the Ruler of a Very Thriving Village.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE APPEAL.) SHANNON, MISS., July 2.—In our little town there is now a complete surveying party. It belongs to the Kansas City road. The party has organized for practical work, both east and west from this point. This gives new interest to the general question of constructing a road or roads from Memphis to the coal fields and iron beds in Alabama. From what is actually going on, one would be justified in concluding that there are to be two roads—the Memphis and Birmingham and the Kansas City. These two propositions well answer all practical purposes. The charter granted by the Mississippi Legislature to the Kansas City road contains a promise that is of very great interest to the people in this part of Mississippi. The promise describes an air line, and prohibits the Kansas City Company from building or operating its road nearer than twelve miles to it. The said air line is from Holly Springs to New Albany, from there to Tupelo and thence to Fulton. The Memphis and Birmingham Company are not required to build their road on that air line. No provision is made to have the air line established. Indeed, the charter of the Memphis and Birmingham Company does not require the road to be run by New Albany, Tupelo or Fulton. A supplement to the charter was enacted providing that upon certain conditions and with the consent of the company the road should run by these towns. By this arrangement the Memphis and Birmingham Company is enabled to build its road within twelve miles of the designated air line. This would probably be accomplished by following the Memphis and Birmingham road, as much as it would the Kansas City. But let that pass. In the Kansas City charter there is a provision that it must keep twelve miles away from the aforesaid air line. At New Albany this line, running to Tupelo, would be thirty miles from the line it extends from Holly Springs to New Albany. From New Albany to Tupelo the line would run southeast. A line running through Tupelo and extending due east would run a mile from the line to the west of Tupelo. Hence a line from Tupelo to Fulton would run northeast at nearly a right angle with the line from Tupelo to New Albany. Shannon is due south of Tupelo. The Kansas City road, running from the Memphis and Birmingham, now let an air line be drawn parallel with that from New Albany to Tupelo, and twelve miles from it; then let the line extend parallel with that from Tupelo to Fulton. There would be two angles, the vertex of the other at Tupelo and the vertex of the other at a little south of Shannon. Here, at Shannon, is a favorable place for crossing the Mobile and Ohio road. The surface is level east and west. This is the general character of the country for more than sixty miles. Our town would like to have the Kansas City road pass close by it. Advantages can easily be pointed out in support of this wish. One mile south of us is Chiwappa creek. If the road should run south of this creek it would have to run a mile or more below it, and it would not go many miles east of the Mobile and Ohio road before it would strike some very unfavorable country for railroad building; whereas, by running north of the creek there would be a level surface all the way, with plenty of timber. Just here we encounter the restriction of the twelve miles built. I have before me a section map of the State of Mississippi, made from official survey. From the continuous line running from the point on the Mobile and Ohio road here, where topography and the wishes of our people would cause the Kansas City to cross, the distance is a little shade over seven miles. Should the road come by here the line east and west, the distance would not be parallel with these terminating at Tupelo, as described above. The line would be nearly straight. As the road would go east it would get further from the "air line" from Tupelo to Fulton, and going west it would get closer to the point on the Mobile and Ohio road. There is in passing here, there would be but a few miles of the road within the twelve miles built, and for that short distance it would be very near to the outwreath of the Mobile and Ohio road, and would be a practical infringement upon the restriction. In view of all this our people are taking formal steps in an effort to secure an amicable understanding with the Memphis and Birmingham Company as preliminary to the effort to have the Kansas City Company to have them build the road by here. Should the road cross the Mobile and Ohio south of Chiwappa creek the probability is that the Mobile and Ohio depot would be moved to the point on the Mobile and Ohio road, and Shannon would be completely left. The annihilation of a village may be considered as of little consequence in connection with the great railroad enterprise. But it is quite important to those who have their local interests at heart. Hence the fact we desire the crossing at this place. Our people are entirely friendly to both roads. If we accomplish what we desire not the slightest injury will come to either road.

THE BALL GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE BRIDES.

A Notable Occasion—Names of the Ladies Present and a Description of Their Costumes.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE APPEAL.) HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS., July 2.—The ball given at the Masonic Hall in honor of the brides, Mrs. Kate Johnson and Mrs. Edith Johnson, was a brilliant success. The hall was decorated tastefully, and the word "Welcome" and monograms "H. G." and "K. G." greeted the eyes of the participants. Croce's band, from Memphis, furnished good music, and all went merrily with the traditional "marriage bell," which, by the way, was represented by a mammoth floral bell, suspended from the central chandelier. Many handsome costumes, floating like a sea gull in the wind, presented a scene of beauty and joy forever. The following is a description of all the costumes in so far as I could obtain them. THE BRIDES. Mrs. Dr. S. C. Ghelson, (room satin train, point lace waist and front, diamond and natural flower ornaments. Will Gho's son, ivory gossamer silk on a train, pearl parasol, duchess lace, diamond ornaments. HOLLY SPRINGS LADIES. Mrs. Cora E. Conly, black silk velvet, black tulle lace trimming, diamond ornaments. Miss Fanny Lynn Scruggs, cream tulle and crepe du soie, diamond and natural flower ornaments. Mrs. J. O. Levy, embroidered mull, Valenciennes lace, diamond and natural flower ornaments. Mrs. Rosa Tuttle, pink nun's veiling, oriental lace, pearl ornaments. Miss Lizzie Clark, white satin, silk mull overdress, pearl ornaments. Miss Bessie Leak, cream satin, oriental lace front, natural flower ornaments. Miss Nellie Gray, violet satin, cream overdress with garniture of pascies. Miss Fannie Brackin, light blue satin, oriental lace and diamond ornaments. Miss Ann Finley, pink satin and plush draped with pink mull, calla lily and diamond ornaments. Miss Annie McKie, lemon satin, oriental lace, diamond and pearl ornaments. Miss Ella Potts, gray satin, diamond ornaments. Miss Elrah Dean, blue satin tan lace trimmings, diamond ornaments. Miss Kate Tompion, pink silk, oriental lace trimmings, pearl ornaments. Miss Mary Burton, cream China crape, Medici color, Mecklin lace trimmings, diamond ornaments. Miss Eliza Featherston, black satin on train, low corsage, cut jet trimmings, pearl ornaments. Miss Ella Lucas, white organdy, satin ribbon trimmings, lace and diamonds. Miss Cora Withers, albatross and sash satin, diamond ornaments. Miss Sallie Withers, white mull, Lima lace trimmings, cameo ornaments. Miss Pearl Strickland, rose colored silk, point lace and diamonds. Mrs. G. O. Myers, tan silk, novelty velvet trimmings, cameo. Miss Daisy Lucas, ivory tinted satin, oriental lace and diamonds. LADY VISITORS FROM MEMPHIS. Miss Maria Lucas, white organdy over pink satin, lace and pearls. Mrs. Carl Dorster, cream albatross, pink lola. Miss Lulu Dunlap, pink mull, oriental lace and diamonds. Miss Susie Sanders, lime green satin, trimming and gold embossed illusions and point lace; ornaments, diamonds, shaded begonia leaves and gold butterflies. Miss Kate Edmonson, blue satin princess; ornament, silver jewelry and morning glories. Miss Edmonson and Miss Sanders were the guests of Mrs. Ben Price of Oxford, Miss. Miss Olie B. Clapp, cream brocade on train, diamonds. Miss Nellie Price, Oxford, Miss., white tulle, cream satin waist and sash; ornaments, pink natural flowers. Among the visiting spectators, Mrs. Ben Price of Oxford, Miss., wore a white French organdy, French embroidery trimming, pink flowers and diamond ornaments. Miss Nellie Walker, of Bolivar, Tenn., white silk on train, Medici collar, pearl parasol, diamond ornaments. Miss Mollie Clark, of Memphis, ashes of roses with brocade stripes of a liver, pearl ornaments and natural flowers. Miss Henri Lancaster, Jackson, Tenn., white mull, coral ornaments. The reception committee, Mrs. E. I. Lucas and Mr. G. C. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Levy, stood at the entrance, and with ease and grace received the dainties and visitors. Among the gentlemen visitors from your city were Mr. J. F. Frazier, J. Dancombs, Mr. C. E. Porter, J. G. Thomson, J. E. Porter, Hite Wickizer and J. B. Hunter. L. R. M. An Important Function Stimulated. The kidneys exercise most important functions, which are so necessary that they tax to the utmost the strength and endurance of these tiny little organs. Every movement of a limb, every thought, makes waste and necessitates the action of every particle of the blood. If these particles in the blood are sifted from the blood, a watery fluid by the kidneys and liver, and other organs, is discharged. A train of disorders to the system would follow if these "ashes" were to speak. The kidneys, therefore, are the most important organs of the body, and their activity, not only keeps open a most important outlet for impurities, but prevents the accumulation of acids, which when inert become liable to fall a prey to bacteria, bright's disease, rheumatism, albuminuria, and other maladies peculiarly incident to them, which, although not specially rapid in their progress, are particularly obstinate and fatal. Cut His Throat With a Razor. THOMAS, N. Y., July 3.—Wm. Henry, a somewhat noted character, and a father of twenty-four children by two wives, committed suicide in Greenbush last night by cutting his throat with a razor. He had threatened for months to kill himself, and a long time ago he wrote a cut minute directions for his intervention. He was about 70 years old. He was apparently in comfortable circumstances, but was tired of life. They are Not Sore. 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THE BACHELOR FRIENDS OF R. S. GRAM.

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THE BACHELOR FRIENDS OF R. S. GRAM, the comedian, are disconsolate. He was quietly married Sunday last, the 27th instant, to Miss Mamie Cery, formerly of Sisseton's Micaulo Company. THOMAS W. KRENE has never been in better health than at present, having entirely recovered from his illness of last winter. He begins a starring tour of the principal cities October 4th, in "The Girl." MAXIMUS ZIMMERMAN is spending \$5000 on the new scenery for James O'Neill's Monte Cristo for next season's tour. Mr. O'Neill is spending the summer at his "Monte Cristo" villa, New London, Conn. W. J. FLORENCE is justifying at Metopedia, Province of Quebec, a guest of the Metopedia Salmon Club. He is killing the famous bird with great regularity. Mr. Florence produces a new four act comedy next season. MISS LILLIAN OLCOTT returns from Paris early in August, when the rehearsals of Theodora will begin at Niblo's Garden under the direction of Mr. Best. There will be upward of 200 people employed in the production. It is now stated that Sardo himself will attend the rehearsals and opening performance of Theodora at Niblo's, New York, in the fall. It is presumed that he will be the guest of the Brooklyn Lyceum, which is backing the affair. ELEANOR MORETTI has been engaged as a leading lady for King Hedley and Harrison's Youth Company for next season. Miss Moretti is a daughter of Katherine Rogers. She has most recently been seen in the leading part of Her Ancestress and Blackmail in this city. MANAGER HAYDEN has completed all of the details of the forthcoming tour of Miss Helen Davray in One of Our Girls, which will be given on the road with nearly the original cast, including Mr. Edward Southern, and all Kansas City road pass close by it. DANNY MURKIN, the pretty little subreptic last season with Nat Goodwin in the Skating Rink, is dying of gastric consumption at her home in Brooklyn. The Actors' Fund is allowing her \$10 per week and the service will probably die within the next thirty days. "FAIRY FINGERS," a charming comedy-drama by Legouve, the author of Ariadne Locomotive, will be added to the repertoire of Mlle Rven for next season. As "Hortense," the honest, high minded and independent girl, she was conspicuously successful in Europe, receiving the personal congratulations of Legouve for her very artistic performance of the part. The only long runs of farcical comedy in New York have been made by Charles H. Hoyt's Dutch Kays and Tin Soldier companies. The former has been played for upwards of one hundred nights continuously; and the latter, which has been performed at the Standard for nearly eighty nights, could be continued all summer if it were not for the existing contract with the Standard. ROBERT L. DOWNING, who stars next season in The Gladiator, under the management of J. H. Mack, is looked upon as the handsomest tragedian upon the stage. The photographs after him and offering large sums for the rights. Although he has had much experience, he has supported Edwin Booth, Mary Anderson and Joseph Jefferson, reaping the highest encomiums of the press with the latter two. AUGUSTUS PROW has completed his companies to support Robert B. Mantell and W. J. Scanlan next season. The Mantell company includes Eleanor Carey, Edie Shannon, Marie Sheldon, Mrs. Louisa Edridge, Ruth Cowles, Nelson Wheatcroft, E. T. Ringgold, W. F. Hand, Archie Lindsay and J. D. McKittrick. W. J. Prowling will be the business manager. W. J. Prowling will be supported by Lillian King, Minnie Radeiff, Mrs. J. B. Turner, Mrs. W. G. Jones, George Dayo, Percy Hunting, J. B. Turner, Gus Reynolds, Sidney R. Ellis, Geo. W. Barnum, C. R. Webster and Albert Morrill, with M. T. Skiff in advance. The company will open September 20th at the Globe Theater, Boston, and W. J. Scanlan, August 23d, at Pooles' New Fifth Street Theater. Manager Prowling has an excellent route for both stars at large percentages. JULY. Once more, bathed deep in sunshine, comes July. Historic month! to loyal hearts most dear. Ring loud the bells, and let the old flag fly From tower and battlement, each heart to cheer. Bright stars and stripes, for these brave men have died; For them was given one Washington. Through him our land stands free. On every side. Let cannon mingle with rejoicing guns. And boys grow patriotic in their fun. Yes, ring the bells—the earth is all a glow. The scaturient showers bathe it on the air. While huge loads meet us when abroad we ride. And harvest songs are echoing everywhere. Activity and fun in this month abound. And hope and thankfulness beam from every face. With peace and plenty, friend smile back on friend. While loving hearts rejoice in glad July. Death of a Well Known Democratic Editor. LAFAVETTE, IND., July 3.—John C. Dohelhower, for twenty years editor of the Dispatch, and a well known Democratic politician, died last night.

THE CHANCE IN THE NINTH DISTRICT.

Between Frank P. Bond and F. T. Glass—Barbecue at Gates, on the Chesapeake Road, on Friday.

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE APPEAL.) TOULON, TENN., July 3.—Farmers are up with their work and have plenty of crops in good condition. The prospect is better than for several years. The tillers of the soil are co-responsibly happy. M. W. Cherry, of Brownsville, and J. L. Webster, of Memphis, were here recently on their return from the barbecue at Gates. Judge John Somers, candidate for Chancellor, was at this place Thursday, accompanied by Sol. W. Matthews, the Republican Sherriff of this county. The Judge is on an electioneering tour of Haywood county. There was a fire on J. T. Fargason's farm Wednesday night. A double-story outhouse was burned and the large dwelling was in danger of being destroyed. The contents were saved. The Congressional race in the Ninth District is growing hot and interesting. The candidates are having joint discussions at various points. Frank P. Bond will carry Haywood county, and P. T. Glass, the present Representative, is said to be second choice. Col. Glass adheres to his constituents as received with approval, and his record in Congress is creditable and will be remembered. Glass remains in Washington at his post of duty and does not attend the joint discussions. There was a large barbecue at Gates, on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, yesterday. A large crowd was in attendance, drawn by the list of speakers and the other attractions. The string band of Dyesburg furnished the music, and dancing was engaged in. Candidates were thick on the grounds. Speeches were made by Harry Young of Tipson county, J. A. Coates of Hardeman, and Mr. Cockroft of Dyer, candidates for Attorney General of the District. The discussion was interesting and they would not be shot into each other. Frank P. Bond, of this county (Haywood), candidates for Congress, made an eloquent and sensible talk and produced a profound impression on the audience. His concise, but full length and the leading questions of the day, and showed he was familiar with all the public questions. Bond is thought to be Lauderdale county's second choice. Glass, of that county, will carry his own county, it is thought. E. Latta, of Dyer county, simply announced himself as a candidate for Congress at the barbecue and withdrew. Bond and Latta were the only candidates for Congress present. Judge John Somers, of Weakley county, and Judge H. J. Livingston, of this county, candidates for Chancellor of the Tenth Division, were present, but made no speeches. Judge Livingston is making a canvass of the district, but it is thought his election is sure, and there is no man who could defeat him for the position. He has made a reputation all over the State as a judge, and his decisions are rarely reversed. Judge Somers' opponent, a Democrat like himself, but is greatly his inferior in point of ability as a judge. The Democratic Executive Committee of the Ninth Congressional District meets at Reeves today to appoint a place and time for holding a convention. The different candidates will meet and, perhaps, fix a list of appointees. A MOST LIBERAL OFFER. THE VOLTAIC BELT CO., Marshall, Mich., offer to send their Celebrated Voltaic Belts and Electric Appliances on thirty days' trial to any man afflicted with Nervous Debility, Loss of Vitality, Manhood, etc. Illustrated pamphlet in sealed envelope with full particulars, mailed free. Write them at once. The Chicago Anarchist Trials. CHICAGO, ILL., July 3.—At noon today the State's defense in the anarchist case had agreed upon two additional jurors, making seven in all. The jury in the case of Judge Gary overruled the plea of the defense that the State should be confined to twenty peremptory challenges, while the defense were to be allowed 100 peremptory, or twenty for each juror. The Court ruled that the State was entitled to the same number as the defense.

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